

### III. REMARKS

Claims 1-17 are now being presented for prosecution, with claims 15-17 being added herein as new claims. No new matter is believed added by the amendments presented herein. Applicant respectfully requests examination of the new claims along with the claims presented in the RCE filed on July 11, 2006.

Applicant respectfully submits that the application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that anything further is necessary to place the application in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicant's undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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